



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Study Session  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 7:00 P.M.  
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

**Mayor**  
*Geoffrey Thomas*

**Councilmembers**  
*Ed Davis, Mayor Pro Tem;  
Patsy Cudaback; Kevin Hanford;  
Jason Gamble, Jeff Rasmussen;  
Kirk Scarboro, & Heather Rousey*

## MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

1. Virtual Participation Information

The City Council meeting was held virtually via Zoom Meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Proclamation 20-28.7 issued by Governor Jay Inslee, in-person attendance is not permitted at this time.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:

Davis, Cudaback, Scarboro, and Rousey.

Mayor Thomas noted the excused absence of Councilmembers Hanford, Gamble, and Rasmussen. No objections were noted.

Staff present:

Pfister, Knight, Huebner, Marrero, Swanson, Feilberg, Ness, Farrell, Haley, Rosenbach, and Christian.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scarboro

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

This time is set aside for members of the public to speak to the City Council on any issue related to the City of Monroe; except any quasi-judicial matter subject to a public hearing. Three minutes will be allowed per speaker.

There were no comments from the public.

### COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Scarboro commented on his recent vacation.

### MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Administrator Update (D. Knight)

Deborah Knight, City Administrator, did not have a report this week.

2. Mayor's Update/Monroe This Week (July 17, 2020, Volume 6, Edition 27)(Mayor Thomas)

Mayor Thomas noted the issue of MTW included in the packet materials and commented on the following topics:

- The passing of U.S. Representative and Civil Rights leader, John Lewis.
- Takeaways from a recent webinar briefing on COVID-19 with Governor Inslee, Secretary Wiesman, State Health Officer Dr. Lofy, and city and county leaders from around the state.
- The recent Monroe Equity Council meeting.
- Upcoming meeting with Father Bloom with St. Mary's of the Valley.

### STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS



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Becky Hasart, Finance Director/Interim City Clerk, reported on negotiations with Republic Services to forgo the annual Spring Clean-up event hosted by Republic Services, in lieu of a rate increase request this year. Consensus of the Council was in favor of the presented arrangement.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. AB20-108: Review Final Court Assessment Report (D. Knight)

Ms. Knight provided background information on AB20-108; noted the presentation to the Public Safety Committee earlier in the evening; and introduced Ann Pflug, with The Other Company, and Karen Reed, with Karen Reed Consulting.

Ms. Pflug and Ms. Reed led Council through a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following topics:

- Background
- Monroe's current justice system – services, facilities, interventions, and gaps
- Character of court caseload
- Comparison of court services options and costs
- Facilities options
- Summary of advantages and disadvantages of options
- Improving outcomes
- Conclusions and recommendations

Discussion ensued related to the following topics: police costs; inflation costs; background of study; potential executive committee; misdemeanors vs. infractions; criminal justice system priorities; jail alternatives; and probation.

### 2. AB20-109: Housing Action Plan (HAP) Update (A. Marrero)

Anita Marrero, Senior Planner, provided background on AB20-109; and provided information on the following additional topics:

- Interactive HAP website
- Public participation
- Schedule and next steps
- Stakeholder advisory committee

Discussion ensured related to the following topics: public comment period; and outreach for low and moderate housing needs.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Cudaback and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:42 p.m.**

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Gina Pfister, Deputy City Clerk